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APPLICANT(S): Gillies et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on June 28, 2002. A petition and appropriate fee for a three month extension of time, extending the date for response up to and including December 30, 2002, is enclosed (December 28, 2002 was a Saturday). Also enclosed is a substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney, a copy of Figure 5 showing proposed changes in red, and a substitute Figure 5 incorporating the proposed changes. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this submission. However, the Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

**AMENDMENTS**

Prior to further examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Drawings: Please replace Figure 5 with substitute Figure 5 attached hereto. A copy of Figure 5 showing the proposed changes is also attached.

In the Claims: Please cancel claims 3, 9, 10, 26-28, 30-33, 38-41 and 43 without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 2, 4, 12, 18, 24, 25, 29, 34-36, and 45-47 as follows. A marked-up version of the claims showing the amendments is attached.